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A correspondent of the Deutsche Presse describes a method which has been adopted with success of overcoming the obstacles frequently presented to the rearing of bees by the self will of those interesting and profitable insects. This is no other than giving them an electric shock. Every one interested in bees knows the difficulties and dangers involved in buying a swarm. One is often on a holiday in June in the shade of branches of a tree not to be climbed, and another in some inaccessible place seems to be the proper place to set out an apiary. If the bees master man up to approach all his dexterity and cunning will often not prevent him from getting stung by a swarm. There are indeed several cases on record of the death of persons who, while engaged in such a task, have been stung by the insects in a most unfortunate manner. Herr Reichert, the correspondent referred to, struck upon the idea of employing his electric force to pacify the bees. He took on large and small glass jars and even on single insects, covered them with bees coming in contact with the connecting wires left stung and motionless to the ground. They were

times required for the recovery of the bees, and inasmuch as eight hours was proportionate to the strength of the shock, but all came out of their trances safe and sound. Encouraged by the result of this experiment Herr Friebe resolved to try on a larger scale, namely, on bees in the hive, for this end he introduced the ends of our conducting wire into a fully occupied honeycomb, and turned on the current for a moment; the bees soon lay on the ground, and it was half an hour before they resumed activity. Herr Friebe then constructed an apparatus in a small box six inches long, which resembled a carriage-pouch on wheels, with a strap round his body. The two wires of the apparatus were required to be used, fastened to rods of suitable length, the wires, of course, always projecting over the ends of the rods. These rods were then pulled to the swarm, the current was turned on for a few moments, the bees being attached to the apparatus, thus a subsequent might be turned on at the proper time. Every one is, of course, not skillful enough to construct such an apparatus, though none are deterred from doing so, as Herr Friebe has not patented it.

There were more of course introduced in our business dealings? We go into some shops and find where there seems to be the most utter indifference whether your wants are supplied or not. We sometimes meet officials on railways or embassies who are almost as indifferent as the shopkeepers. It would hardly be the cap worn when the light is too insolent and overbearing. And then we find others quite the reverse, ready to answer civil questions civilly, and to promote the comfort of those who are temporarily under their care. It is needless to say that a little courtesy goes a great way in making things smooth and agreeable.

This lesson of courtesy to one, it seems to us, is the best for every one, any capacity to be a business life ought to learn. There is nothing so nothing feared or smothered about it. It is the best when thoughtfully and womanly. But its heartiness is most easily acquired in youth, and it will stand its post: 883; in good stead in after years. The courteous clerk will

that the homely old proverb is to one sense true, that "fine words butter no parson," words do not take the place of thought or actions. But it is also true, as the Scripture says, "that a soft answer turneth away wrath." This politeness in manner and in words will be like the oil that prevents the friction in the machine. 1: make everything easy.—*Christian Weekly*.

ORIGIN OF FAMILIAR WORDS.—Husband is the householder—one who keeps the family to the house.

sis, practically, the husband.
Who means a wear-er - one who makes the
cloth which dresses the family.
Sister is s-o who spins the yarn which
makes the cloth which covers the family.
Lady is compounded of war-s which mean to
give away, to give s-o charity to the poor.
The habitation of a family is literally the ap-
paratus for wearing cloth. Is only b-lu-y-ty
was so indispensable article of household fur-
niture. Was well taken care of and lasted for
years.

It is rather hard to look for any one's name inseparably attached for all time to an instrument for killing human beings. This was the fortune of Dr. Ignace Galilotti, who really had no share in the invention of the dreadful machine which figures so repulsively in French revolutionary novels. And now it comes out that Col. James Bowie, the hero of the Alamo, after having bought knives was called, was a mill, a pleasure, and by means hydraulic, and who merely invented a convenient and useful machine for hunting and never had a serious "personal difficulty" in his life. Others found his knife a handy thing to possess in the woods and

Sub-sea Col. Bowie's old friend, the Hon. Geo. M. Patrick, of Texas, who is reported in the Galveston News to have described Col. Bowie as a brave soldier, and not by any means a hot tempered bully.